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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Douglas P. Hart *et al.*

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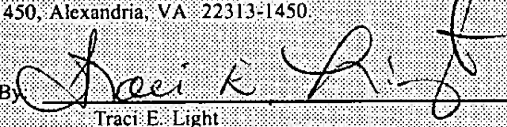
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment on the record in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 1, 2003 supporting the accompanying Request For Continuing Examination. A Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time is attached hereto.

On page two of this communication please find a status of all claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.21.

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